facilities made available to the employees of CGHS Guwahati are as under:—

(i) Patients requiring specialist consultation/specialised services are referred to the Govt. Medical College, and Guwahati Distt. Civil hospital where the nursing home facilities are available.

(ii) For all kinds of laboratory investigations, the beneficiaries are advised to go to any private laboratory/diagnostic centre or to any Government facility of their choice. The admissible amount is reimbursed to the card-holders through their respective offices on the basis of certificates from CGHS doctors.

(d) By and large, the essential drugs required for day to day are avilable. However, the drugs which are not available in the dispensaries are procured through the authorised local chemist on individual prescription.

The cadre-wise strength of doctors & Staff is as under:—

1.	CMO (NFSG)	—	03
2.	CMO	—	07
3.	SMO	—	01
4.	Accountant	—	01
5.	Staff Nurse	—	03
6.	Pharmacist	—	12
7.	UDC	—	01
8.	Stenographer	—	01
9.	LDC	—	06
10.	Packer	—	02
11.	Dresser	—	03
12.	Female Attendant	—	03
13.	Nursing Attendent	—	04
14.	Class IV	—	04
15.	Peon	—	03
16.	Chowkidar	—	03
17.	Safaiwala	—	03

Quality of Unani Medicines

1728. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of unani medicines purchased by CGHS unani store is deteriorating for the last three years; and

(b) what are the reasons for not purchasing the medicines from M/s Hamdard for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) M/s Hamdard had not applied for registration of the firm for the last three years which is a pre-condition for tenders, etc. Hence, the question of purchase of medicines from the said firm does not arise.

CGHS benefits for serving spouse

1729. SHRI RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both serving husband and wife are entitled to avail of medical facilities on the same CGHS identity card;

(b) whether the facility continues even after retirement of one of them and becoming a pensioner;

(c) if so, the relevant rules in this regard; and

(d) whether both the retired employees are entitled for such facility on the same CGHS card?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the CGHS rules, the husband/wife who retires from the Central Government service can have the option for inclusion of the name of his/her spouse who is in service in his/her CGHS card.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Health Policy

1730. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new health policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and